GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the expenditure of the Ministry rose from Rs. 6,681 crore to Rs.8,261 crore between November to December, 2004;

(b) if so, the details of this abnormal increase in expenditure during the above period; and

(c) the steps taken to reduce the expenditure?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) to (c) No, Sir. During the financial year 2004-2005 the total Central funds released upto November, 2004 were Rs.8967.64 crore and upto December, 2004 Rs.11216.66 crore for implementation of schemes of the Ministry of Rural Development. The increase in the release is high during December, 2004, as most of the implementing agencies become eligible for release of their next instalment and a new scheme namely National Food for Work Programme (NFFWP) has been launched in 150 most backward districts of the country and Rs, 297.10 crore were released for implementation of the scheme in the month of December, 2004.